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subject referred to the Publishing Board. Voted, that in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2 of the By-laws, the Committee on nominations for 1912 be constituted as follows: Chalmers Hadley, chairman, C. H. Gould, Edith Tobitt, G. T. Little, Jessie Welles.

C. H. Gould conferred with the Board at the request of the president regarding plans for the 1912 conference. From the most reliable and authoritative information available it appeared most probable that the Chateau Laurier at Ottawa would be completed in time to accommodate the 1912 conference in that city. It was taken by consent after discussion that according to present plans the conference begin either June 26 or 27.

Voted, that the bonds of the treasurer and secretary be held in the custody of the chairman of the Finance committee.

The secretary having reported that the Association had received as a gift from A. Hastings Grant, the papers and letters of his father, S. Hastings Grant, who was an honorary member of the Association, which relate to the library conference in New York in 1853, it was

Voted, that the hearty thanks of the Executive Board be given to A. Hastings

Grant, for this appreciated donation, which it is believed will prove of great historic value, and that proper steps be taken to place the papers in condition to assure their safety and make them easy of reference.

On motion of Mr. Wright it was

Voted, that the appropriation for the expenses of the 1912 conference be increased from \$400 to \$500, \$100 assigned to contingencies being transferred for this purpose.

Voted, that the president appoint a committee to draft a by-law stating definitely what person or persons are entitled to cast vote for institutional members. The president appointed Henry E. Legler, Purd B. Wright and Linda A. Eastman.

A petition having been received from the chairman of the committee on library training, for an appropriation of \$500 for year 1912 for the purpose of inspecting library schools, it was

Voted, that \$200 for this stated purpose be appropriated to the use of the committee on library training, from the amount set apart for the use of committees, and that appropriations of other committees be apportionately reduced.

Adjourned.

A. L. A. PUBLISHING BOARD

January 4, 1912.

Meeting called to order by Henry E. Legler, chairman. Other members present, Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf and C. W. Andrews; also Elva L. Bascom, editor of the A. L. A. Booklist, and Secretary Utley.

The following budget was adopted for 1912:

Expenses Estimated:

A. L. A. Catalog (5000)	\$3,700.00
Subject Headings (Balance due)	2,500.00
Salaries	3,470.00
Rent	300.00
A. L. A. Expenses, Appropriation for 1911.....	1,000.00
A. L. A. Expenses, Appropriation for 1912.....	2,000.00
Advertising	250.00
Reprints	480.00
Express and postage	400.00
Addressograph	25.00
Travel	50.00
Booklist	1,600.00
Periodical cards	900.00
Stationery and printing	250.00
Sundries	300.00

\$17,225.00

Income Estimated:

Balance	\$ 811.77
Carnegie Endowment fund	5,500.00
Sales	9,000.00
Outstanding credit	500.00
Total	\$15,811.77
Deficit	1,413.23
Suggested handling of deficit:	
A. L. A. Headquarters appropriation, defer to 1913	\$1,000.00
Extra sales probable	413.23
	\$1,413.23

Mr. Roden submitted the treasurer's report for 1911 as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1911

Receipts

Jan. 1, 1911	Balance	\$ 862.84
	Sales of publications, 1911	8,502.88
	Trustees Carnegie Fund, Interest	5,487.16
	Interest on Bank balance	9.59
		\$14,862.47

Expenditures

Checks No. 14-27 (Vouchers No. 321-603, inclusive)	\$14,300.70
Balance Union Trust Company	\$ 561.77
G. B. Utley, Balance National Bank of Republic	250.00
Total Balance	\$811.77

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

C. B. Roden, Treasurer.

Chicago, January 2, 1912.

Voted, that 5,000 copies of the A. L. A. Catalog, 1904-1911, be printed as first edition, and that Miss Bascom be requested to secure information on comparative cost of storing linotype, making stereotype plates and electrotype plates for the Catalog.

Voted, that the secretary place suitable fire insurance on the stereotype plates and 983 copies of "Subject headings" stored with the printers.

Voted, that complimentary copies of Subject headings, third edition, be sent to the members of the advisory committee, Gardner M. Jones, Harriet B. Prescott, A. G. S. Josephson, Margaret Mann, Linda M. Clatworthy, J. C. M. Hanson and Nina E. Browne.

Dr. Andrews reported that, as special committee on periodical printed cards, he had for over a year been in correspondence with the card distribution section of the Library of Congress, but that no understanding had yet been reached as to which periodicals the Library of Congress would

take over. He stated that the offer of the Royal Library at Berlin to supply printed cards would, without doubt, affect the card publications of the Board, and that he had already written to the Royal Library asking further particulars regarding the service that could be rendered American libraries.

Voted, that the matter be referred back to Dr. Andrews with power to act.

By common consent the Board agreed to continue the policy of printing chapters of the A. L. A. Manual of library economy as separate chapters, but were of the opinion that the finances of the Board would not permit the printing of further chapters for some months.

Voted, that the Library of Congress be granted permission to reprint Chapter 2 of the Manual of library economy, in accordance with their request.

Voted, to defer printing annual supplements to the Subject Index to the A. L. A. Booklist until further action.

Voted, that the printing of the Index to

library reports be postponed until 1913.

A letter was read from Dr. A. E. Bostwick in which he recommended the publication of some kind of professional record of working librarians. This should give the date of birth, education, and positions held, with dates, instead of merely the present position as now given in the Handbook. Each entry should be very short. The general form of "Who's who in America" might be followed, making it strictly a working record of those members of the A. L. A. who are in the work, intended especially for the information of those who are compelled each year to fill a large number of positions on the staff. Dr. Bostwick stated that should the preparation of such a list be too much for the present office force at headquarters he thought he could safely promise the necessary assistance in the St. Louis public library.

Voted, that the secretary secure more definite information as to the nature of the assistance which Dr. Bostwick believed could be rendered in the St. Louis public library.

Voted, that the question of printing a 1911 supplement to Kroeger's Guide to reference books be postponed until next meeting.

Dr. Andrews reported that A. G. S. Josephson no longer wished to contribute titles for printed cards in the bibliographical series, which he has done in the past at ten cents per title. Dr. Andrews was requested to ascertain how many libraries wish to subscribe for this series, the disposition of the matter being referred to him with power.

Adjourned.

LIVERPOOL CONFERENCE OF THE L. A. U. K.

The secretary of the A. L. A. has received the following letter from the secretary of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, inviting American libra-

rians to attend the Liverpool conference in September, 1912.

December 13, 1911.

Secretary, American Library Association,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

The next annual meeting of the Library Association (of the United Kingdom) will be held in the city of Liverpool, during the first week of September, 1912.

The situation of Liverpool and its intimate connections with America would seem naturally to point to this meeting as an Anglo-American one.

On behalf of the members of the Library Association, as well as on behalf of the Reception Committee of the City of Liverpool, we beg to offer a most hearty invitation to American librarians to be present at this meeting.

It is hardly necessary to dilate upon the advantages of Liverpool for a meeting of this kind, nor to refer to the many places of interest in and near the city. If any American librarian contemplating attending this meeting will notify *both* the undersigned we will see that he is supplied with full information as to the program of papers and as to the local arrangements. We are

Yours faithfully,

(signed) L. STANLEY JAST,
Honorary Secretary,
Library Association,
24, Bloomsbury Square,
London, W. C.

(signed) G. T. SHAW,
Local Honorary Secretary,
Public Library,
Liverpool.

By vote of the Executive Board the secretary has acknowledged this kind invitation with hearty thanks, expressing the hope that some of our American librarians may find it possible to be present. Those who have had the pleasure of attending an English library conference remember with abiding pleasure the cordiality and hospitality extended to visitors from across the water. The Executive Board has extended a warm invitation to English librarians to attend our 1912 conference at Ottawa, and we sincerely hope that some of them will find it possible to be present.